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SUBJECT: TANGOV ORDERS WEEKEND CLOSING OF
FILLING STATIONS

1. AS MEASURE TO CONSERVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, TANGOV HAS ORDERED MOST GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS TO REMAIN CLOSED (EFFECTIVE SEPT 20) SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS AS WELL AS EACH NIGHT FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM. THIS MEANS THAT TRUCKS CARRYING FREIGHT TO ZAMBIA WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DIESEL FUEL IN TANZANIA OVER WEEKENDS. ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAS TOLD MANAGING DIRECTOR (MORRIS) OF ESSO THAT IT IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT HOW THIS WILL AFFECT FLOW OF ZAMBIAN TRAFFIC OUT OF PORT DAR ES SALAAM. MORRIS, WHOSE COMPANY PROVIDES 60 PERCENT OF FUEL USED BY ZAMBIAN TRUCKS WHILE IN TANZANIA, APPEALED WEEKEND CLOSING REGULATION DIRECTLY TO PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA.

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KAWAWA ADAMANT THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION

MADE ON WEEKEND CLOSING RULE.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO INFORM TRAVELERS WHO WISH TO TRAVEL BY ROAD THROUGH TANZANIA, THAT SMALL RURAL GASOLINE STATIONS HAVE PERMISSION TO REMAIN OPEN WEEKENDS. POL MARKETING COMPANIES, HOWEVER, WARN THAT THESE OUTLETS HAVE LIMITED STORAGE FACILITIES AND THEY WILL PROBABLY RUN OUT OF GASOLINE QUITE QUICKLY ON WEEKENDS. ALSO MARKETING COMPANIES MAY EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY IN REPLENISHING STOCKS OF RURAL STATIONS IF THEIR SALES SPURT.
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